

4.b.Early and periodic screening, diagnosis, and treatment services (continued)

Youth ACT services provided by entities with contracts with the Department are paid a regional per diem rate per provider as indicated by the table below. The Department will set rates inclusive of all intensive nonresidential rehabilitative services identified in Attachments 3.1-A and B, section 4.b., item 5, using statewide parameters with assigned values based on regional costs of providing care. To determine this rate, the Department will include and document:

- A. the cost for similar services in the geographic region;
- B. actual costs incurred by entities providing the services;
- C. the intensity and frequency of services to be provided to each client;
- D. the degree to which clients will receive services other than services under this section; and
- E. the costs of other services that will be separately reimbursed.

The chart below identifies the per diem rate for youth ACT services provided on or after the effective date. The rate is based on the five criteria above. Rates are recalculated annually based on the submitted charges for the individual service components within the geographical regions. Effective for the rate years beginning on and after January 1, 2024, rates for Youth ACT services must be annually adjusted for inflation using the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Medicare Economic Index (MEI). The inflation adjustment must be based on the 12-month period from the midpoint of the previous rate year to the midpoint of the rate year for which the rate is being determined.

Region	Rate Eff. 7/1/2021	Rate Eff. 1/1/2022	Rate Eff.1/1/2023	Rate Eff. 1/1/2024	Rate Eff.1/1/2025
Central	\$194.49	\$188.46	\$238.28	\$283.63	<u>\$252.36</u>
Metro	\$257.42	\$279.81	\$364.54	\$435.78	<u>\$508.25</u>
Northeast	\$178.60	\$178.60	\$178.60	\$184.61	<u>\$190.31</u>
Northwest	\$185.28	\$185.28	\$185.28	\$406.26	<u>\$418.81</u>
Southeast	\$149.63	\$149.63	\$149.63	\$154.67	<u>\$159.45</u>
Southwest	\$170.01	\$170.01	\$170.01	\$175.73	<u>\$181.16</u>

Travel time, as described in item 6.d.A., is paid separately.